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ICE deports Mexican wanted in Chihuahua for premeditated homicide

BLOOMINGTON, Minn. — A 36-year-old man wanted in Mexico for allegedly murdering a man was deported to Mexico by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) officers to face criminal charges there.

Jesus Murga-Parada, a Mexican citizen, was turned over to Mexican authorities at the U.S.-Mexico border in El Paso, Texas, yesterday morning at about 10:00 a.m.

Murga-Parada, an illegal alien, fled Mexico and entered the United States in March 2000 using a Border Crossing Card, a document that allowed the bearer to enter the U.S. for brief periods and remain within 75 miles from the U.S.-Mexico border. Later that year he settled in Barron, Wis.



In May 2005, the Mexican Attorney General's Office contacted the U.S. Marshals Service in El Paso, Texas, asking for assistance in locating Murga-Parada. According to Mexican police documents, Murga-Parada is accused of killing a man in an act of premeditated homicide Oct. 19, 2001, at the La Hacienda drive-in located in the city of Chihuahua, Mexico.

U.S. Marshals tracked Murga-Parada to his residence at 63 East Birch Ave. in Barron, Wis. They teamed up with agents from the Border Patrol, a division of U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), and on May 5, 2005, Duluth Border Patrol agents arrested Murga-Parada at his job with Barron County Co-op in Almena, Wis. He was subsequently turned over to ICE officers in the Bloomington office, and was later ordered deported by a federal immigration judge.

“This is an excellent example of how a unified approach to law enforcement works within the U.S. as well as internationally,” said Scott Banieceke, field office director for the ICE Office of Detention and Removal Operations in Bloomington. “ICE is committed to ridding our communities of violent criminals who have no right to be in this country.” Banieceke oversees the program for a five-state area including: Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa and Nebraska.

During fiscal year 2005, which ended Sept. 30, ICE deported more than 3,000 aliens from the five-state area. Of that number, more than 1,300 had criminal convictions. The remaining were immigration status violators.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.